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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Michael B. CHANCELLOR and Johnny HUARD
Serial No. : 09/302,896
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For : **MUSCLE-DERIVED CELL MEDIATED GENE TRANSFER
FOR TREATING MUSCLE OR BONE-RELATED INJURY
OR DYSFUNCTION**
Group Art Unit : 1633
Examiner : Sumesh Kaushal, Ph.D.

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RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNICATION DATED MAY 9, 2001

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement dated May 9, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. Also filed concomitantly herewith are a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5) to extend the response period until November 9, 2001.

REMARKS

In the communication dated May 9, 2001, the Examiner has restricted claims 1-118, under 35 U.S.C. §121, into six (6) groups which are considered to be distinct and to have acquired separate status in the art because of their divergent